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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
AFGHANISTAN

IPF: (1992-96) $70 039 000

(AFG/90/007) - Rural Rehabilitation in Northern, Western and Central Afghanistan (Supplementary Assistance)

Date of approval by the AC:[1]	26 May 1993
Expected duration:	Four years
Proposed executing agency:	UNDP/OPS
Government implementing agency:	Afghan and International NGOs
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$6 577 600 Source of funds: IPF
Previous UNDP contribution:	$9 754 300
Total UNDP budget:	$16 331 900

Project background

The above-mentioned project has its origins in the 1990 UNDP Provincial Strategy which guided projects towards moving into rural areas, as opportunities arose. The project was intended to provide a platform from which UNDP funded community-based activities could be launched in Northern Afghanistan.

The project activities started under Preparatory Assistance in 1990. The experience gained has been utilized in the preparation of the project document and its implementation strategy. Based on the conclusions of the Tripartite Review of the project which was held on 3 November 1991, the full-scale project document was prepared.

Description of project

The development objective of the project is to rehabilitate rural infrastructure in order to improve the quality of life for the resident rural population and create conditions required for the return and resettlement of refugees and displaced persons by raising agricultural output and productivity, rehabilitating infrastructure, and providing economic and social services.

[1] This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.

The scope of the project is extended to continue delivering vital rehabilitation inputs to assist the rural population residing in the 150 districts in Northern, Western and Central Afghanistan. The main office was established in Mazar-i-Sharif, with two sub-offices in Herat and Puli-Khumri. The office in Kabul will be re-opened as soon as the security situation permits. The project will assist rural communities in rehabilitation of irrigation systems, drinking water supply and rural sanitation sectors as well as minor repairs of roads.

All activities will involve the participation of local communities in decision-making and supplying labour. A key component of the project is to facilitate community involvement in identifying, planning, prioritizing and implementing rehabilitation activities in their respective areas. So far, the project has been instrumental in the formation of 17 District Development Shuras. Ten of these have so far submitted priority lists of rehabilitation needs in their districts. The success of this methodology will lead to a continuously increasing demand for rehabilitation work; to promote the involvement of women as both participants in mainstream activities and as beneficiaries; and to assess the environment in the formulation, implementation and review of project activities.

Inputs

UNDP will provide additional funds for 85 new subcontracts in the current areas of activity and for expansion of project activities into other geographical areas; sub-projects international personnel (138 work-months), administrative support personnel and national project professional personnel (60 work-months); and miscellaneous costs.

Financial Data

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Personnel	1 487 100
Subcontract	4 892 400
Equipment	(77 600)
Miscellaneous	275 700
Total	6 577 600

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